

REMARKS

I. Status of the Application

Claims 1-29 are presently pending in the application. The Abstract has been objected to on the grounds that word "comprising" has been used. Claims 1-29 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,656,222 to Young ("Young"). Claims 8, 10, 22 and 24 have been amended in non-limiting fashion to correct various typographical errors.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks, and allowance of claims 1-29 is respectfully requested.

II. The Specification Is in Proper Form

The Abstract has been objected to on the grounds that the legal term "comprising" should be removed. The Abstract has been amended in non-limiting fashion as suggested by the Examiner and is now believed to be in proper form, and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

III. Claims 1-29 Are Novel over Young

Claims 1-29 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) over Young. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Young discloses an intraocular lens for use in replacing the natural lens of a human eye. The intraocular lens of Young is inserted into the capsular bag of the eye. Young does not disclose or make obvious an element that is at least partly or light reflecting, such that in use the eye implant shall be visible once implanted in an eye, as required by independent claim 1. The lens of Young is transparent, since it is intended to be used to replace the natural lens in an eye, and would not be visible to an individual looking into the eye.

Young does not disclose an implant positioned in, on or between the conjunctiva, sclera, cornea and/or iris, as required by independent claims 20, 22 and 25; nor does it disclose introducing an element into the anterior chamber of the eye, as required by independent claim 27. As noted above, the intraocular lens of Young is positioned in the capsular bag itself. Accordingly, the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, pending claims 1-29 are believed to be allowable, and an indication to that effect from the Examiner is respectfully requested at this time. If a telephone conversation with applicant's attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-referenced application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the number below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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